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Raiders advance

By BILL SHERROD

After coasting to an easy Seminole District tournament championship last week, the Appomattox County High School Raider baseball team fought from behind in the tenth inning Tuesday to defeat Lord Botetourt High School 6-5 in the first round of the Region III Tournament.

The game, which was played at Casey Field in Covington, was tied 3-3 at the end of the regulation seven innings. Neither team could score in the next two innings.

Then, in their half of the tenth inning, Lord Botetourt came through with two runs to take a 5-3 lead. Raider Coach Howard Clabough noted that, at the rate things were going, it seemed as if Lord Botetourt may have sealed the Raiders' fate with those two runs.

But, true to the style of play which has earned them the nickname "Cardiac Kids" in past seasons, the Raiders came through in the last of the tenth to claim the victory, and in spectacular style.

Gary Ferguson and Rodney Bryant led off the Raider half of the inning with walks. Starting pitcher Greg Mayberry then came to the plate and stroked a Single, scoring Gary Ferguson. Gary's brother Kevin then came to the plate and drove in Bryant with a ground-out sacrifice.

Mayberry advanced to third on the sacrifice, and Clabough pulled out of his coaching hat a trick has stopped the hearts of Raider baseball fans in games past.

THE WINNING COMBINATION in the first round of the Region III baseball tournament Tuesday night is shown above. The Raiders, who defeated Lord Botetourt 6-5 in ten innings, fielded a team consisting of Rodney Bryant, catcher (foreground), and (clockwise, from left) third baseman Paul Johnson, left fielder Gary Ferguson, short stop Alan Edmonds, designated hitter Mike Jackson, center fielder Tim Austin, pitcher Greg Mayberry, second baseman Jody Williams, right fielder Tim Bennett, and first baseman Kevin Ferguson. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

The 'A' Team

Alan Edmonds, the next batter, laid down a perfect squeeze bunt. Mayberry charged across home plate from third base to score the winning run.

"We had other opportunities to score, but we were a little flat," Clabough said in a telephone interview late Tuesday night. "There for a while, it looked like we were out of it," the coach added. But the team from Appomattox came through in its established style to advance in the tournament. Mayberry went the distance on the mound, striking out 14 Lord Botetourt batters on the way.

The Raiders got to the regional tournament last week with ease, defeating Gretna in the first round, 6-0, and downing Liberty in the Seminole District finals, 10-5. Mayberry, who this week was named the Seminole District's player of the year, was one out away from a perfect game in the seventh inning against Gretna, when Tony Taylor singled for the Hawks' first hit and became their only baserunner.

Jody Williams blasted two home runs in the district tournament, as well. Mayberry, Bryant and Edmonds also hit home runs for Appomattox during the district tournament last week.

The Raiders will face Tunstal, a powerful team which won the Piedmont District title, in the second round of the regional tournament tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the finals at 6 p.m. Both games will be played at Casey Field in Covington.

General membership

Chamber to meet in June

A general membership meeting for the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce has been set for June 28 at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

Plans for the general membership meeting were discussed at Monday night's meeting of the Chamber's board of directors.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7, will feature Dr. Ben Bissell as guest speaker. Bissell is a speaker, writer, teacher, therapist and businessman. He has clients ranging from Philip Morris Corporation to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia.

Bissell has had numerous works published, and made frequent appearances on the television program, "Good Morning Virginia," aired on WXES-TV, Petersburg.

A native of Kentucky, Bissell currently resides in Richmond. He recently spoke at the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting.

The meeting will also feature "Teacher of the Year" awards, which will honor excellence in education at the county's schools.

In other business, the chamber's board members were told that the membership total has reached 102, surpassing the goal of 100 set by the membership committee last year.

Lloyd Vaughan, chairman of the membership committee, noted that the committee has set 150 as a new membership goal, and is continuing to contact businesses in and around Appomattox County for new memberships.

Memorial Day tradition

Services scheduled

Memorial Day services will be held at the War Memorial Monument on the Appomattox Court House grounds this Sunday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m.

An appropriate program has been arranged. The Rev. Melvin E. Winters, Director of Missions, Appomattox Baptist Association, will be the principal speaker. The Appomattox County High School Band, under the direciton of Mr. Frank Coffey, will provide appropriate music.

A wreath will be placed at the War Memorial.

The Memorial was established to honor all veterans and particularly those from Appomattox County who gave their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Special seating will be provided for relatives of veterans being honored if they will identify themselves.

In case of rain, the program will be conducted inside the Court House.

Following is a list of Appomattox County veterans who died while serving their country:

World War I - James R. Beasley, Jerry S. Beasley, James T. Cyrus, Edward B. Gunter, Robert F. Irving, Sam J. Harvey, Herman L. Lee, Thomas A. Owen, Phillip B. Swan, Campbell W. Teeter, Melvin M. Watkins, Melvin Watson.

World War II - George D. Akers, Dewey C. Almond, Harris N. Almond, Jesse J. Almond, William Anderson, James H. Bethel, John A. Bingham, Jr., Paul C. Brown, Robert L. Childress, William Conner, Lacy L. Dickerson, Jr., Thomas A. Doss, William G. Harris, Edward J. Irving, James D. Lee, David R. Mayberry, Raymond Moore, Ernest Morgan, William R. Morris, Charlie Nelson, Noel O. Price, James W. Roberts, Jr., Winford J. Rush, James T. St. John, Thomas A. Trent, Alton D. Turner, Choice M. Turner.

Korean War - Herman C. Doss, Alfred E. Ferguson, Edward J. Giles.

Vietnam War - Fred Henry Patterson, Calvin Coolidge Tolley, Jr., Curtis Whitted, Roger W. Grubbs.

R.B. Moore

R.B. Moore to lead WOW in Virginia

Mr. R. B. Moore was installed as State President of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society's 40th Jurisdictional Convention held in Hotel Roanoke on May 13-15, 1983. The Woodmen of the World has 5,400 members in the state of Virginia. Moore will be traveling the entire state promoting Woodmen activities for the next two years.

The installation was performed by Executive Vice President, T. Guy Crewe from Omaha, Nebraska. Lodge 71 from Appomattox and Lodge 379 from Lynchburg - state champions for the state-participated in this impressive ceremony.

Being installed as president was a goal set by Moore more than 15 years ago. Moore has served the state in five other positions during his 15-year climb to the top.

Moore has won friends over the entire state of Virginia as he has traveled over the entire state encouraging Woodmen activities.

Mr. Harry G. Lawson, National Director, presented a hand-carved walnut logo to Moore on behalf of B. Earl Clapp and the Tall Tree area.

Moore has been invited by National President Nick Newberry to the National Fraternal Congress to be held in Omaha, Nebraska on July 12-14.

Lions meeting is tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, May 26 at 6:45 at the Country Fare Restaurant.

Mrs. Julie Coffman will be guest, speaking on the recently formed Appomattox County Recreational Association and its activities.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

The final days of May have a way of slipping by very quickly. So many things to do. Perhaps school closings top the list; Hardly a family not involved one way or another. But farm work, gardening, vacation plans, weddings, Bible schools, you name it. One Virginia college gave out 2,543 bachelor's degrees, 467 master's degrees, 140 doctorates, 123 medical degrees, 213 masters of business administration, 360 law degrees, 22 master law degrees. To fit all the graduates into productive society is a challenge. Good plan is for high school grads to keep on with their education. Someone suggests that the first millionaire among the college grads could be Ralph Sampson, the star basketball player. Heavens to Betsy, a friend succeeded in getting a Ralph Sampson autograph for me and I have been showing it off all week. Bottom line: 'tis a great season of the year. Today's events are tomorrow's memories.

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And while we are at it, the 1983 ACHS baseball team ranks as one of the school's best ever. Good pitching, timely hitting, team spirit, good coaching and support all combined to make a winning record.

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Have just received a copy of the new book, "Mt. Comfort Plantation," by Richard L. Guild. The story of Appomattox families and homes, especially the DuVal, Johns, Adams, Patteson families, with emphasis on the late teacher, Miss Deane Johns and her career and her home. I remember Miss Johns and some of her pupils are still around. I commend this book and Mr. Guild and you will be proud to own your own copy. Profits from the sale of the book will go to further restoration and maintenance of "Mt. Comfort Plantation."

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How wet it is, all over, according to news flashes. Memories of Noah, and Johnstown, Pa. I have visited many of the places with severe flood lossage and pray for the people facing such tragedy. One such, Jackson, Miss., is remembered for a UDC convention Brightleaf and I attended there some 25 years ago.

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Being an acknowledged poor gardener, I purchased more tomato plants than needed, hoping a couple might survive. Well sir, well sir, thus far they are doing great. Thanks to Tony, who planted them for me.

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Currently, the lawnmower is king and I do not recall doing lawnmowing as a growing boy. We lived in the country until I was of high school age, but as I remember it we never owned a lawnmower. With air conditioning unheard of, people had trees, big shade trees, all around the dwelling, flowers and vegetables all about and what with space for pitching horseshoes and clotheslines, that was it. Now we live in the age of green lawns. Nearest thing we had to a lawnmower was our horse, Nellie. Ah yes, but we try to hold to the best of the past while adding the advantages of today, and if you ask me I'll say that Appomattox and not only a Growing Town and County, but looks great too. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Babcock honored here

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Mrs. Virginia M. Babcock, director of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services, has received the Meritorious Service Award, recognizing individuals who make substantial contributions to human services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Innovative leadership and a tireless, sensitive commitment characterize the public service career of Virginia M. Babcock," reads the award, signed by William L. Lukhard, Commissioner of Social Services for the State of Virginia.

A daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. Charles T. Moses, Virginia is a graduate of Appomattox High School, attended Sweet Briar College, received a BA degree from Lynchburg College and a Master's from the University of Virginia.

Married to Harold Webster Babcock, they have two children, Harold Webster Babcock, Jr. and Patricia Babcock Paulette and two grandchildren, Traci Ann Paulette and Bruce Harmon Paulette III.

Virginia taught elementary school for seven years and it was while she was teaching at Clifford that she had her own daughter, Pat, in her class.

"I don't think I even knew Mama was going to be my teacher until I got to school that first day," laughed Pat Paulette remembering those days.

"I didn't know what to call her, so I just raised my hand when I needed to get her attention," Pat continued.

"She was a good teacher, but strict...I couldn't get by with even a little talking in school!" Pat said.

After teaching school, Virginia spent seven years with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Probation Services. At the end of that period, she accepted the position as Director, Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

"She is, indeed, a caring person," commented Babcock's sister, Mrs. Carolyn Lusardi of Brookneal. "Every Sunday, regardless of how busy her personal schedule may be, Virginia goes to a Lynchburg nursing home to spend time with an elderly distant cousin. She does laundry and other personal errands for this relative."

Virginia Babcock has always been a busy person.

"She was so busy, in fact," said Lusardi, "that the first year after Virginia and Webb were married, her Christmas tree stayed up until March!"

In addition to delving into family history and gardening, Virginia is an avid reader.

Busy, busy, busy, are the words that best describe Virginia today. Her professional membership includes Registered Social Worker, Virginia Council of Social Workers, Central Virginia Inter-Agency, American Public Welfare Association and Virginia Government Association.

She is a former member of the Executive Board Central Virginia Mental Health and Mental Retardation Service, a member of Virginia League of Social Services Executives, State Board Member, Mental Health Association of Virginia, State Board Member.

She is on the Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse, Sub-Committee on Multi-Discipline Teams; served from 1974 until 1976 on the Virginia Legislative Advisory Council, Needs of Children; and is a member of the Appomattox Anti-Cold Homes Council.

Babcock is a member of Memorial United Methodist Church where she serves as Sunday School teacher and is a member of the Administrative Board and Parish Committee.

In civic affairs, she is a member of the Appomattox Woman's Club of which she is past president; a

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VIRGINIA M. BABCOCK, (far left), Director of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services accepts Meritorious Service Award from the Virginia Department of Social Services. Making the presentation is Horace Coleman, Chairman of the Board of Appomattox County Department of Social Services. Looking on are board members, Mrs. Louise Martin and Herbert Richardson.

4-H funding pursued

A group of Appomattox citizens have been brought together to form the Appomattox County 4-H Center Fund Raising Committee. Serving on the committee are Dr. Kenneth A. Powell, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Lou Harrison, Treasurer, Mrs. Tawanna Lee, Darrell Conner, Miss Ingrid Moore, Jim Nolen, Mike Hancock, Mrs. Harriett James, Scott Dawson.

The purpose of this committee is to assist in raising funds for the renovation of the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center.

Holiday Lake 4-H Camp has been important in the development of Appomattox County's youth for more than 40 years. It has offered training in leadership and citizenship for many of the county's citizens. There are no sustaining county, state or federal funds to support this important facility. Capital outlay maintenance, staff and other support services are provided through attendance fees and gifts.

The goal for Appomattox County is $57,629.00. To date $31,000.00 has been raised, leaving a balance of $26,000.00.

Recently a letter from Chairman Powell was mailed to the parents of 4-H members currently enrolled, asking for their support.

Dr. Powell said, "There are many individuals and businesses that have had some involvement with this camping and teaching facility. We invite everyone to join in helping to reach our goal."

Checks should be made payable to: Appomattox 4-H Center Development and mailed to: Mrs. Mary Lou Harrison, Treasurer, P.O. Box 754, Appomattox, VA 24522.

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